

### REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 41 to delete the term "preventive and curative" as suggested by the Examiner in response to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and amended claim 43 to change "chosen, for example" to -- selected--, and to incorporate the meanings of the various acronyms set forth in the claim, as filed, as suggested by the Examiner. It is noted that in the original claim 43, the acronym BAHF was used. This has been corrected to BHAF.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been addressed, and the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-15, 34, and 41-43 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

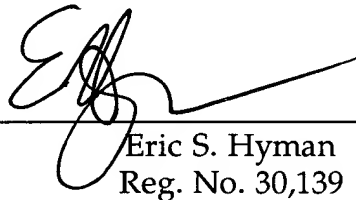
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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